commissioning a radiation therapy apparatus using an electronic portal imaging device; and

using said electronic portal imaging device to obtain dosimetric measurements during radiation therapy.

2. A method according to Claim 1, wherein said commissioning comprises positioning a imaging panel of said electronic portal imaging device in a patient plane and obtaining radiation measurements at said patient plane.

3. A method according to Claim 2, wherein said commissioning further comprises positioning said imaging panel at predetermined positions above and below said patient plane, and obtaining radiation measurements at said positions.

4. A method according to Claim 3, wherein said using said electronic portal imaging device to obtain dosimetric measurements comprises positioning said imaging panel a predetermined distance below said patient plane and between a patient and a source of radiation.

5. A radiation therapy device, comprising:

a linear accelerator for providing radiation to a body; and

an electronic portal imaging device operably coupled to said linear accelerator, said electronic portal imaging device adapted for use in commissioning said radiation therapy device and adapted for use in dosimetry applications during therapy.

6. A radiation therapy device as recited in claim 5, said electronic portal imaging device adapted to be deployed in a patient plane during said commissioning.

7. A radiation therapy device as recited in claim 6, said electronic portal imaging device adapted to be deployed in one or more

dosimetry applications during therapy.

14. A radiation therapy method as recited in claim 13, said electronic portal imaging device adapted to be deployed in a patient plane during said commissioning.

15. A radiation therapy method as recited in claim 14, said electronic portal imaging device adapted to be deployed in one or more positions above and below a patient plane during said commissioning.

16. A radiation therapy method as recited in claim 15, said electronic portal imaging device adapted to be deployed below a patient plane and between a patient and a radiation source during said therapy.

17. A radiation therapy method, comprising:

providing a linear accelerator for providing radiation to a body; and

providing an electronic portal imaging device operably coupled to said linear accelerator, said electronic portal imaging device adapted for use in patient exit dosimetry of said radiation therapy device and adapted for use in dosimetry applications during therapy treatment.

positions above and below a patient plane during said commissioning.

8. A radiation therapy device as recited in claim 7, said electronic portal imaging device adapted to be deployed below a patient plane and between a patient and a radiation source during said therapy.

9. A radiation therapy system, comprising:

means for delivering radiation to a body;

a treatment unit adapted to control commissioning of said delivering means and treatment using said delivering means; and

an electronic portal imaging device for obtaining radiation dose information during said commissioning and said treatment.

10. A system according to Claim 9, said electronic portal imaging device including an imaging panel adapted to be deployed in a patient plane during said commissioning.

11. A system according to Claim 10, said electronic portal imaging device including an imaging panel adapted to be deployed in one or more positions above and below a patient plane during said commissioning.

12. A system according to Claim 11, said electronic portal imaging device including an imaging panel adapted to be deployed below a patient plane and between a patient and a radiation source during said treatment.

13. A radiation therapy method, comprising:

providing a linear accelerator for providing radiation to a body; and

providing an electronic portal imaging device operably coupled to said linear accelerator, said electronic portal imaging device adapted for use in commissioning said radiation therapy device and adapted for use in